

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 to 105 (canceled)

Claim 106 (currently amended): A building material, comprising:

fibrous insulation having a length, a width, and a depth, wherein the length and the width define first and second major surfaces separated by the depth, the fibrous insulation having at least one cut extending from the first major surface, through the depth, to the second major surface, said cut extending along at least a portion of the length of the fibrous insulation so as to divide the fibrous insulation into a plurality of fibrous insulation strips, wherein the fibrous insulation strips are removably secured across the at least one cut by an adhesive material such that the fibrous insulation may be separated by hand into strips for installation into a cavity.

Claim 107 (previously presented): The building material of claim 106, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about four inches.

Claim 108 (previously presented): The building material of claim 106, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about three inches.

Claim 109 (previously presented): The building material of claim 106, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about two-and-one-half inches.

Claim 110 (previously presented): The building material of claim 106, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about four-and-one-half inches.

Claim 111 (previously presented): The building material of claim 106, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about five inches.

Claim 112 (previously presented): The building material of claim 106, wherein the width of the fibrous insulation is about fifteen inches.

Claim 113 (previously presented): The building material of claim 106, wherein the width of the fibrous insulation is about twenty-three inches.

Claim 114 (previously presented): The building material of claim 106, further comprising a vapor barrier facing sheet bonded to the first major surface, wherein the facing sheet comprises at least one separable connector aligned with the at least one cut.

Claim 115 (currently amended): The building material of claim 106, wherein the building material has three cuts that divide the fibrous insulation into four fibrous insulation strips that are each removably secured across at least one of the three cuts by an adhesive material to another of the four fibrous insulation strips such that the fibrous insulation may be separated by hand into strips for installation into a cavity.

Claim 116 (previously presented): The building material of claim 115, wherein at least two of the fibrous insulation strips have a different width.

Claim 117 (previously presented): The building material of claim 115, wherein one of the strips has a width of about 2.5 inches, one of the strips has a width of about 4 inches, and one of the strips has a width of about 4.5 inches.

Claim 118 (previously presented): The building material of claim 115, wherein one of the strips has a width of about 11.5 inches, one of the strips has a width of about 4 inches, and one of the strips has a width of about 3.5 inches

Claim 119 (canceled)

Claim 120 (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a building material, comprising:

processing fibers into an elongated batt having a length, a width, and a depth, wherein the length and the width define first and second major surfaces separated by the depth;

applying an adhesive material to the fibers; and

segmenting the batt into a plurality of elongated strips by cutting the elongated batt from the first major surface to the second major surface along at least a portion of the length of the elongated batt, wherein each of the elongated strips are removably secured to at least one other of the elongated strips by the adhesive material.

Claim 121 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, further comprising:

separating at least one of the elongated strips from the other elongated strips;

and

installing the remaining elongated strips into a cavity formed by building material.

Claim 122 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, wherein the segmenting step occurs after the applying an adhesive step.

Claim 123 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, further comprising heating at least a portion of the building material.

Claim 124 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, further comprising bonding a vapor barrier facing sheet to the first major surface, wherein the facing sheet comprises at least one separable connector aligned with at least one cut.

Claim 125 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, wherein segmenting the batt into a plurality of elongated strips comprises segmenting the batt into at least four elongated strips.

Claim 126 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, wherein at least one elongated strip has a width of about four inches.

Claim 127 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, wherein at least one elongated strip has a width of about three inches.

Claim 128 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, wherein at least one elongated strip has a width of about two-and-one-half inches.

Claim 129 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, wherein at least one elongated strip has a width of about four-and-one-half inches.

Claim 130 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, wherein at least one elongated strip has a width of about five inches.

Claim 131 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, wherein the width of the batt is about fifteen inches.

Claim 132 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, wherein the width of the batt is about twenty-three inches.

Claim 133 (withdrawn): The method of claim 120, wherein segmenting the batt into a plurality of elongated strips comprises segmenting the batt into at least two elongated strips having different widths.

Claim 134 (currently amended): A fibrous insulation assembly having a length, a width, and a depth, wherein the length and the width define first and second major surfaces separated by the depth, the fibrous insulation assembly comprising:

at least one cut extending from the first major surface, through the depth, to the second major surface, said cut extending along at least a portion of the length of the fibrous insulation assembly so as to divide the fibrous insulation into a plurality of fibrous insulation strips; and

discontinuous adhesive strip means for removably securing each of the fibrous insulation strips to at least one other of the fibrous insulation strips across the at least one cut such that the fibrous insulation assembly may be separated by hand into strips for installation into a cavity.

Claim 135 (previously presented): The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, further comprising a vapor barrier facing sheet bonded to the first major surface, wherein the facing sheet comprises at least one separable connector aligned with the at least one cut.

Claim 136 (previously presented): The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about four inches.

Claim 137 (previously presented): The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about three inches.

Claim 138 (previously presented): The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about two-and-one-half inches.

Claim 139 (previously presented): The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about four-and-one-half inches.

Claim 140 (previously presented): The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about five inches.

Claim 141 (previously presented): The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein the width of the fibrous insulation assembly is about fifteen inches.

Claim 142 (previously presented): The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein the width of the fibrous insulation assembly is about twenty-three inches.

Claim 143 (currently amended): The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein the fibrous insulation assembly has three cuts that divide the fibrous insulation assembly into four fibrous insulation strips that are each removably secured across at least one of the three cuts by the discontinuous adhesive strip means to another of the four fibrous insulation strips such that the fibrous insulation may be separated by hand into strips for installation into a cavity.

Claim 144 (previously presented): The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 143, wherein at least two of the fibrous insulation strips have a different width.

Claim 145 (canceled)